



# Woodley Baptist Church

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*'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.*

## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

### TODAY'S SERVICES

**10.15am:** Service with Julie Russell leading and Ben Edgington preaching including all-age communion  
Daniel 6 – Be Transformed

**Refreshments:** Debbie Hamblin and Mary Kareem-Osho

**Prayer Team:** John and Sylvia Saunders

**6.30pm** Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87827308029?pwd=Vi9wTldoejV0bjNwd2xnc3pwK3NyUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

### SUNDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

**10.15am:** Service with Jane van Es leading and Grace Hope preaching  
Be Transformed – Recap of the series - What have we learnt?

**Refreshments:** Ginny Priddy and Paul Kingsnorth

**Prayer Team:** Grace Hope and Grahame White

**6.30pm** Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Grahame White leading

## PRAYER MEETINGS

### MONDAY MORNING

Please join us for the Monday morning prayer meeting in the lounge from 10-10.30am when we will be praying for activities in the church during the coming week.

### THURSDAY EVENING

The next meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the direction of WBC.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of creating a new Church Directory and would be grateful if you could take the time to check your entry on the list which will be in the coffee lounge after this morning's service. Please make any amendments or tick if the entry is correct. The directory is for all members and regular worshippers. If you are not already in the directory and would like to be included, please fill in a consent form which can be found in the rack to the right of the office door.

Please note that this is the full database. If you have indicated that you do not want your name included in the paper and/or website copies this will be adhered to.

### WEDDING HELP REQUIRED

As most folk already know, Tim Walder and Jo Hammond are getting married at WBC on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. They will be having refreshments after the service in the back hall before they leave for their reception. If anyone is able to bake a cake/s or buy some it would be really appreciated.

We also require practical help on the day – setting up, serving, washing up and clearing away.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are able to help with either/both requests.

Thank you

### CRÈCHE

We need some more volunteers to help with crèche on a rota basis. This means looking after 0–3-year-olds during the service and getting out some toys in the back hall before the service. If you are able to help with this please speak to **Graham Sumbler**. This role requires a DBS Certificate which we can apply for if you don't already have one.

The **March Prayer diary for JAC** is now available from the rack to the right of the office door

## FAMILY MATTERS

### WEDDING INVITATION

We would like to invite you all to join us at our wedding ceremony at the church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The service starts at 12.30 and will be followed by tea, coffee and cake. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your prayers!

Jo Hammond & Tim Walder

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be an Ordinary CMM on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Church Centre. The agenda has now gone out by email, with copies available in the pigeon holes of those without internet access.

At the meeting we will be asking members to agree to spend money on the replacement of the guttering and fascia boards, initially on the side of the church in the doctors' carpark. It would be helpful if

you went round and looked at this area of the building in its current state, before the meeting, to appreciate what we are intending to do.

### **YELDALL MANOR SPRING CELEBRATION SERVICE**

The Spring Celebration Service takes place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Norreys Avenue church in Wokingham. That's the first day of spring and what a great way to celebrate as we rejoice in the blossoming of recovery.

Please come, and share with your friends and family, as everyone is welcome.



**Please pray for** the war in Iran and the ongoing situation in Ukraine and Syria.

**Please pray for the family of Rosemary Allen, John and Julie Russell, Val Lee and family, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Kerr, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince and Mandy & Allan Dodd.**

#### **Update from Prayer Meeting**

These prayer meetings were initially instigated to pray for the future direction of WBC. Now that the arrival of Daniel, our new minister, is on the horizon, the focus is somewhat changed.

We spent time in worship and praise in song, and using Psalm 100.

We looked at the prayer of Daniel in chapter 9.

Daniel includes himself with the whole of Israel in their sin. We too, even on our best of days, fall short of what God requires of us and need to ask for His forgiveness.

v 18 He asks for God's forgiveness because God alone is righteous and merciful. Today also, our God is the only one able to forgive, for He is the only righteous one and His mercy and love are unchanged.

v 19 He petitions God and urges Him to act, because the knowledge of God, His reflection, carried within His people, is at stake.

We also, as Christians, are a reflection of God, for we are His people and WBC is HIS church. All that we say and do, as individuals and as a church reflects God to those around us.

We prayed about all the changes that are likely to result from Danny's arrival. Are we ready to follow God even if that involves uncomfortable change? We prayed too for the local community and for the outreach activities of the church, that we might see much fruit from those reached. Also, for Danny and his family as they prepare to join us and for our ministry together.

Let us remember that when Jesus himself sent out His disciples, He gave them His power and His authority to speak and to act. We too, can have confidence that it is He who works through us to reach others, for His glory.



## LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR THOSE AT WAR

We live in a broken world full of damaged people. Because of Jesus we have a message of hope and reconciliation. Let us remember that He can work in “impossible” situations. Let us cry out to Him for those who are suffering.



In some parts of our world people have been living with the consequences of war for many years and their situation – their pain – their desperation - have long disappeared from the pages of the newspapers or our TV sets. For others their war started just last weekend. The reality is – however long the war has lasted – people are living in fear and facing situations which are hard to watch – even from the safety of our TV.

**So, this week let us pray for those who are living in a war situation.**

Countries in major crisis right now include Middle East countries, Ukraine, Sudan, DR Congo, Myanmar, South Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, with ongoing instability also impacting [Chad](#), [Niger](#), [Nigeria](#), [Ethiopia](#), and [Central African Republic](#) – and no doubt a number of others.

### **Please pray for:-**

- A just peace for countries facing war, conflicts, and internal struggles.
- World leaders and those in government.
- Those living in fear and hunger and those mourning their dead.
- Organisations who are helping with food, shelter and all kinds of help in war torn countries.



## Prayer for Woodley Schools

Give thanks for the 4 lessons this past half term. For discussions and questions raised by pupils.

Pray for all the prep for the lessons booked in for next half term.

Pray for enough volunteers to deliver all the lessons that have been booked

Pray that the passion for our faith will shine through all we do and say to both staff and pupils.

### Lessons Spring 2

Mon 23 Feb	Highwood Yr 4	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
Tues 24 Feb	Highwood Yr 2	How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?
Mon 2 March	Southlake Yr 1	What did Jesus teach his followers (The lost son + Easter)
Tues 3 March	Southlake Yr 4	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
9&10 March	Woodley CofE KS1	What do Christians believe God is like?
16&17 March	Woodley CofE LKS2	What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?
Mon 23 March	Southlake EYFS	Visit to Christ church linked with the story of Easter.
Mon 23 March	Woodley CofE EYFS	Easter story
Tues 24 March	Southlake Nursery	Easter Story

